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SUBJECT: BRITISH EXPEL LIBYAN DIPLOMAT.
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1. (U) SUMMARY: CHAIRMAN OF LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAU HAS GIVEN INTERVIEW TO THE TIMES IN WHICH HE DECLARES THAT REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE FOR UK MET IN THE BUREAU EVENING OF JUNE 11 AND DECIDED TO KILL TWO MORE LIBYAN DISSIDENTS RESIDING IN UK. HE ALSO THREATENED TO COOPERATE WITH IRA. HMG HAS GIVEN THE LIBYAN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS TO DEPART
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THE COUNTRY. END SUMMARY.
2. (U) UK-LIBYAN RELATIONS ARE HEADING INTO A PERIOD OF RENEWED TURBULENCE [redacted] B6
CONTACTED EMBOFF EVENING JUNE 12 TO URGE THAT WE PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO FRONT PAGE OF NEXT MORNING'S TIMES. [redacted] B6
[redacted] NTERVIEW WITH MUSA KUSA, CHAIRMAN OF PEOPLE'S BUREAU, WHICH DULY APPEARED THIS MORNING UNDER HEADLINE: "QADHAFI MEN SENTENCE TO DEATH TWO LIBYAN EXILES IN LONDON. THREAT TO LINK WITH IRA." ACCORDING TO THE TIMES, KUSA TOLD THEIR JOURNALIST AFTERNOON OF JUNE 12 THAT, "THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES HAVE DECIDED LAST NIGHT TO KILL TWO MORE PEOPLE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. I APPROVE OF THIS. THEY ARE RESIDENT IN BRITAIN. I DO NOT KNOW HOW IT WILL BE DONE OR IF IT WILL BE SOON. THEY ARE
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FORMER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND THEY HAVE MISAPPROPRIATED FUNDS. NOW THEY PRESENT THEMSELVES IN THIS COUNTRY AS SPOKESMEN FOR THE ANTI-REVOLUTION, BUT THEY ARE THIEVES. WE DON'T LIKE BREAKING THE LAW HERE BUT WE ARE FIGHTING THESE PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY WORKED AGAINST OUR REVOLUTION."

3. (U) ADDING FURTHER COMPLICATIONS TO UK-LIBYAN TIES, KUSA SAID: "WE ARE NOW SERIOUSLY THINKING OF COOPERATING WITH THE IRA IF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THOSE LIBYANS WHO ARE HIDING HERE."

4. (U) THE TIMES ALSO REFERRED TO A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JUNE 12 IN LONDON BY THE LIBYAN "REVOLUTIONARY FORCE" IN THE UK. NOTING THAT QADHAFI HAD GRANTED A RESPITE TO DISSIDENTS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO RETURN HOME BUT THAT IT HAD EXPIRED ON JUNE 11, THE "REVOLUTIONARY FORCE" DECLARED ITS INTENTION TO "RENEW ITS PURSUIT OF THE ENEMIES OF THE REVOLUTION AND ELIMINATE THEM," FORM A REVOLUTIONARY

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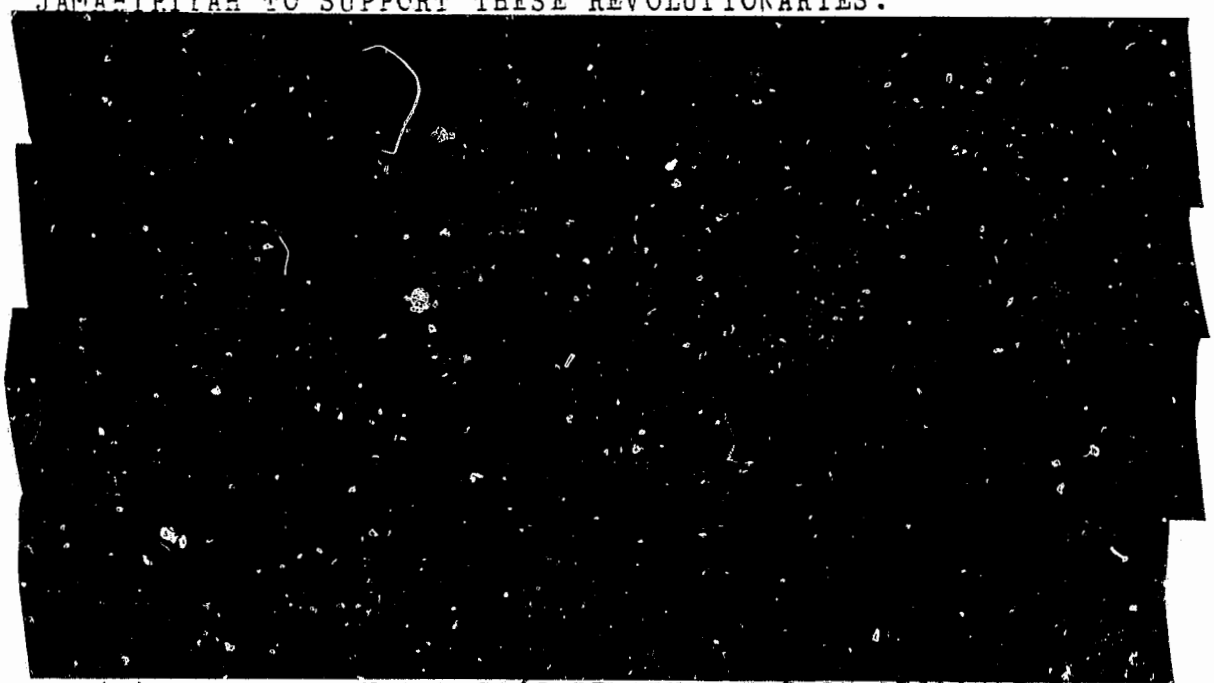
COURT IN THE UK TO REVIEW LIST OF TRAITORS LIVING IN BRITAIN AND ISSUE SENTENCES TO LIQUIDATE THOSE FOUND TO BE GUILTY, AND "SALUTE THE STEADFASTNESS OF THE IRISH REVOLUTIONARIES THROUGH THEIR CONFRONTATION WITH ENGLISH COLONIALISM, AND CALL UPON PEOPLE'S CONGRESSES IN THE JAMAHIRIYAH TO SUPPORT THESE REVOLUTIONARIES."



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7. (C) COMMENT: MUSA KUSA'S REMARKS WERE IN RESPONSE TO A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION HELD OUTSIDE PEOPLE'S BUREAU JUNE 11 BY MASKED LIBYAN DISSIDENTS. THIS DEMONSTRATION APPEARS TO HAVE INFURIATED QADHAFI. MAKING DUE ALLOWANCE FOR LIBYA'S UNIQUE APPROACH TO DIPLOMACY AND PUBLIC

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RELATIONS, IT IS STILL DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT KUSA
HOPED TO ACHIEVE WITH HIS ON-THE-RECORD INTERVIEW. [redacted]
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